

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NI *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/013,895

Filed: January 27, 1998

For: **Death Domain Containing
Receptor 4**



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Preliminary Amendment

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

These amendments and remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 1, 2000, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 12), and remarks made in the Advisory Action dated August 18, 2000 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 19). Attached hereto is (a) a copy of the executed Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone originally filed on November 23, 1999, (b) a copy of the post card receipt stamped by the P.T.O. on November 23, 1999, (c) a copy of the post card receipt stamped by the P.T.O. on August 1, 2000, (d) copies of Exhibits A-D, and (e) a Petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the time for reply from June 1, 2000 to September 1, 2000.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and

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